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Water Main Repairs Completed on 48" Line

County urges residents to limit water use during next 24 hours to assist return of pressure

DECATUR, Ga. – DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management crews completed repairs on a 48-inch main transmission line at Henderson Mill and Evans Road overnight, and began restoring pressure to the line at approximately 4 a.m.

The county is making a correction on a water valve, which is rapidly increasing the system pressure. It will take several hours to restore the system pressure. DeKalb Water customers should see a return of normal service today.

County residents are asked to limit water use during the next 24 hours and encouraged to only use water for basic needs, which will help speed the return of the pressure to all areas of the county. Activities such as outdoor watering, car washing, etc. should be delayed until the system is back up. This would include turning off irrigation systems that are on a timer.

Beginning at 10 p.m. Saturday night, crews reduced water pressure to ensure the safety of workers installing a solid sleeve on the water line which had been breached since Thursday afternoon. The delay was exacerbated by the presence of several other utilities at the same location, including electricity, natural gas, telephone, roads, and other water lines. Crews will return later this week to address the cavity near the road that was caused by the breach and repairs.

Although water pressure in the water system is returning to normal conditions, a boil water advisory remains in effect for all DeKalb County water customers until further notice. In an abundance of caution for our citizens and to protect the public from any potential health hazards, citizens are advised to boil all water prior to use for drinking, cooking or preparing baby food. The water should be boiled for at least one minute after reaching a rolling boil. Residents served by the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management should continue to boil water until notified by DeKalb County after testing, the microbiological quality of the water is safe for human use. When the test results are available, DeKalb County, in conjunction with the EPD, will provide an update to the boil water status.

A CodeRED announcement of the boil water advisory was issued to subscribers beginning Saturday afternoon. Sign up for CodeRED alerts here.

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